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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION--AMERICAN COMMUNIST IN CAMBODIA

1. THE VISIT OF AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER DANIEL LEON BURSTEIN TO CAMBODIA IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE PHNOM PENH REGIME'S IMAGE, AN UNSIGNED COLUMN IN THE THAI-LANGUAGE IN DAILY TIME SAYS.

2. NOTING THE VISIT CAME AS PRESIDENT CARTER DENOUNCED CAMBODIA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, THE WRITER SAID IN THE PAPER'S APRIL 26 EDITION, "THE IMAGE OF CAMBODIA IS GRADUALLY WORSENING, WHILE THAT OF VIETNAM IS GREATLY IMPROVING IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

3. "IT CAN BE CONSIDERED THAT CHINA IS GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER CAMBODIA. SO IT HAS ASKED THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST TO HELP BURSH UP CAMBODIA'S IMAGE.

4. "WITH THE AMERICAN HABIT OF SPEAKING STRAIGHTFOWARDLY, BURSTEIN THOUGH A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER, MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE THE WORLD BELIEVE THAT CAMBODIA IS NOT AS BAD AS ALLEGED,"COLUMNIST CONCLUDED.
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